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**Wednesday 18 May 2022 – Afternoon**

**AS Level History A**

**Y136/01** England 1485–1558: the Early Tudors

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has **4** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

## SECTION A

## Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558

Study the three sources and then answer **both** questions.

- 1 How useful is Source C as evidence for the ability of Mary Tudor as a ruler? [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that Mary Tudor's government was weak. [20]

**Source A: A contemporary records Mary's reaction to news of Wyatt's march on London.**

On 1 February the Queen went to the Guildhall and declared to the audience the wicked plan of the traitor Wyatt, which was utterly to deprive her of her crown, and to ransack the city. She spoke so nobly, with so good spirit, and with so loud a voice, that all the people might hear her Majesty, and were comforted in their hearts with so sweet words which made them weep with joy to hear her Majesty speak. On 3 February the Queen appointed Lord William Howard to be Captain General, with the Lord Mayor, for the defence of the City.

**Charles Wriothesley, Wriothesley's Chronicle for 1554**

**Source B: The Imperial ambassador writes to the Emperor about the situation in England.**

No attention is paid to the law; the Queen and her council are neither respected nor obeyed nor feared. The people say that King Philip is not going to employ Englishmen, though he agreed to do so in the marriage treaty. They (the people) say he is sending for 10 000 Germans and 10 000 Spaniards to land in this country. They also say that monasteries will be set up again and that the Pope will control religious affairs. They proclaim that they (the people) are to be enslaved, for the Queen is a Spanish woman at heart and thinks nothing of Englishmen.

**Simon Renard, letter to Charles V, 18 September 1554**

**Source C: A foreigner living in England comments on Mary's character and style of rule.**

She is not only brave and valiant, but so courageous and resolute that neither in adversity nor peril did she ever display cowardice, maintaining always a wonderful grandeur and dignity, knowing what suits the dignity of a sovereign as well as any of her experienced councillors. In government and public affairs she is compelled (being of a sex which cannot suitably take more than a moderate part in them) to refer many matters to her councillors and ministers. The truth is that knowing the divisions among them, her Majesty, so as not to be deceived, has ordered that Cardinal Pole should hear and have everything referred to him since she trusts him and distrusts almost all others.

**The Venetian ambassador, report to the Senate of Venice, 1557**

**SECTION B**

**England 1485–1547**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 3\*** How effectively did Henry VII manage the nobility? **[20]**
- 4\*** 'Foreign policy in the years from 1509 to 1529 was largely unsuccessful.' How far do you agree? **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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